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Director's Meeting

Tuesday, 4 December 1951

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Mr. Dulles reported that CIA had received [redacted] what purported to be a detailed factual account of the Soviet third atomic explosion, but the location given was some 2,000 miles off. This account was regarded as a fabrication and study was being made as to the purpose thereof.

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Mr. Dulles noted that the gentleman who was being considered for the job in [redacted] would be in Washington tomorrow.

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The DCI indicated that Dr. [redacted] was coming in to see him at noon and he would initially be put in as Dr. Millikan's deputy. If he did not desire any administrative responsibility, he could be used as a member of the National Estimates Board.

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Mr. Dulles reported that the NSC Senior Staff at the meeting this afternoon would consider the Korean paper. With respect to this paper, the DCI indicated that the estimate contained therein was accurate. He also advised Mr. Dulles that the President agrees with the IAC estimate which had been shown to him by the DCI. Respecting any questions which Mr. Dulles might encounter, the DCI indicated that the IAC members had agreed that intelligence sources would have a 50 per cent chance of predicting a Chinese Communist/ North Korean buildup, lacking an inspection system and that they would prefer an air check to any system of ground inspection.

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Mr. Dulles indicated that the newspaper report that the Ford Foundation was liquidating the Kennan Committee to Assist Free Russians was inaccurate. The Foundation was continuing its support of this activity although Mr. Fisher would be let out.

Mr. Jackson reported briefly on the meeting which he, Mr. [] and Mr. Becker had had last evening with Park Armstrong and Mr. Packard of State. Mr. Jackson reported that Armstrong would prefer an outside rather than an interior governmental committee. The DCI indicated that he would see Mr. Lovett on this matter this noon.

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Mr. Jackson reported that Dr. [] (OSI survey) would be in to see him today and that he had checked this with Dr. Chadwell.

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Mr. Wisner reported that Park Armstrong had written a letter to the DCI indicating that in the near future the State Department would levy on CIA heavy requirements with respect to the protection of sources of strategic material. As background, Mr. Wisner indicated that CIA had previously done some surveys in this field at the request of State which had coordinating authority under NSC 29. The DCI directed that Mr. Wisner reply to the communication as follows: CIA will be glad to undertake this activity if so directed by the NSC and if, under NSC 10/5, the Department of State furnishes personnel and support. The DCI indicated that this reply should make specific reference to the paragraph of NSC 10/5 which empowers the PSB to coordinate such support.

Mr. Wisner referred to a letter to the DCI from Gordon Gray, outlining various projects in the psychological warfare field and he proposed to draft a reply concurring with Mr. Gray's suggestion that these items be placed on the agenda of the PSB. CIA was familiar with all of these matters and some were actively being worked on at this time. The DCI requested that Mr. Wisner provide a brief of these suggestions for his use at the PSB meeting and also noted that Mr. Wisner would attend the meeting with him and be available for any required comment.

Mr. [] reported to the DCI that at the request of Mr. Pforzheimer he had reviewed the Agency's legislative program.

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